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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 6 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a Special Court for Sierra Leone (S/2000/915)

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON PEACE OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

Cinquante-cinquième session

Commissions

PREMIÈRE COMMISSION

10 heures à 13 heures — 7e séance — Salle de conférence 4

Débat général *(suite)* :

Turquie
Inde
Saint-Siège
Cuba
République de Corée
Mongolie
République-Unie de Tanzanie
Yémen
Sri Lanka
Uruguay

15 heures à 16 heures* — 8e séance — Salle de conférence 4

Débat général *(suite)* :

Népal
Jamaïque

[Documents de la Première Commission (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

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* Le débat général sera suivi de la réunion officieuse du Comité préparatoire de la Conférence des Nations Unies sur le commerce illicite des armes légères sous tous ses aspects (voir p. 3).

DEUXIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures à 13 heures — 8e séance — Salle du Conseil de tutelle

Questions de politique macroéconomique [92]

e) Financement du développement, y compris le transfert net de ressources entre pays en développement et pays développés (A/55/18 et Add.1 et 2)

Présentation et débat général

15 heures à 18 heures — 9e séance — Salle du Conseil de tutelle

Questions de politique macroéconomique [92]

d) Science et technique au service du développement (A/55/96-E/2000/84, A/55/413)

Présentation et débat général

TROISIÈME COMMISSION

15 heures à 18 heures — 13e séance — Salle de conférence 1

1. Promotion de la femme [107] (A/55/3, A/55/38, A/55/271, A/55/293, A/55/308, A/55/322, A/55/385, A/55/399, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/C.3/55/3* et A/C.3/55/4*)

2. Suite donnée à la quatrième Conférence mondiale sur les femmes et à la session extraordinaire de l'Assemblée générale intitulée "Les femmes en l'an 2000 : égalité entre les sexes, développement et paix pour le XXIe siècle" [108] (A/55/341, A/55/74, A/55/162-S/2000/715 et A/C.3/55/4*)

Déclarations liminaires et débat général

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* À paraître.

CINQUIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures à 13 heures — 11e séance — Salle de conférence 3

Barème des quotes-parts pour la répartition des dépenses de l'Organisation des Nations Unies [122] (A/55/11)

Fin du débat général

15 heures à 18 heures — 12e séance — Salle de conférence 3

Barème des quotes-parts pour la répartition des dépenses relatives aux opérations de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies [169]

Fin du débat général

SIXIÈME COMMISSION :

GROUPE DE TRAVAIL CRÉÉ PAR LA RÉSOLUTION 51/210 DE L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE EN DATE DU 17 DÉCEMBRE 1996

Midi à 13 heures — 9e séance (privée) — Salle de conférence 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)
2. Draft reports

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST (UNRWA)

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting *today*, 6 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue its consideration of the following informal proposals of the Chairman circulated to delegations during the informal inter-sessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee held from 17 to 19 July 2000: draft objective of the Conference, draft provisional agenda, structure and elements for a Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 6 October 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters - INSTRAW)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FOURTH AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 34 : Oceans and the law of the sea)

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 6 October, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (i) (Towards a nuclear-free world: the need for a new agenda), organized by the delegation of Sweden, *today*, 6 October 2000, at 12 noon in Conference Room A.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and the World of Work", co-sponsored by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), *today*, 6 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The speakers will be Mr. Ali Taqi, Special Adviser, ILO; Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. James Schulz, Professor Emeritus, Brandeis University; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Special meeting

There will be a meeting of the "Friends of Guinea-Bissau", organized by the delegation of the Gambia, *today*, 6 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 9 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Monday and Tuesday, 9 and 10 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Tuesday, 10 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, 11 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 179
(Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Monday, 9 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Commissions

COMMISSION DES QUESTIONS POLITIQUES SPÉCIALES ET DE LA DÉCOLONISATION (QUATRIÈME COMMISSION)

Les délégations qui souhaitent participer au débat général sur le point 82 de l'ordre du jour (Effets des rayonnements ionisants) et sur les autres points connexes de l'ordre du jour sont priées d'inscrire leurs noms sur la liste des orateurs au Secrétariat de la Commission (bureau S-2977, tél. : (212) 963-3051), le plus tôt possible.

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DEUXIÈME COMMISSION

Table ronde

Une table ronde d'experts et un débat libre sur le statut de la réforme de l'architecture financière internationale, organisés par la Deuxième Commission, pour appuyer les délibérations de l'Assemblée générale sur les questions de politique macro-économique : financement du développement, y compris le transfert net de ressources entre pays en développement et pays développés (point 92 e) de l'ordre du jour), auront lieu le 10 octobre 2000 de 14 h 30 à 16 heures dans la salle de conférence 2.

La table ronde sera présidée par M. Alexandru Niculescu (Roumanie), Président de la Deuxième Commission. Les participants seront M. Rumman Faruqi, Directeur de la Division des affaires économiques, Secrétariat du Commonwealth, Mme Barbara Samuels II, Directrice de projet pour la Table ronde du Council on Foreign Relations sur les pays à risque après la crise en Asie, Mme Sylvia Saborío, Coprésidente de l'Équipe de travail du Conseil de développement d'outre-mer sur "Le futur rôle du FMI dans le développement", et M. Arjun Sengupta, expert indépendant sur le droit au développement, Bureau du Haut Commissaire aux droits de l'homme.

Les membres des missions permanentes, les fonctionnaires du Secrétariat, les organisations non gouvernementales et les médias sont invités.

Table ronde

Une table ronde sur le thème "Les villes sans quartiers pauvres" (point 94 e) de l'ordre du jour), coparrainée par le Centre des Nations Unies pour les établissements humains (Habitat), la Division de l'appui au Conseil économique et social et de la coordination du Département des affaires économiques et sociales, et la Banque mondiale, aura lieu le jeudi 12 octobre 2000 de 14 h 30 à 16 heures dans la salle de conférence 2. S.E. M. Sergio Vento, Représentant permanent de l'Italie auprès de l'ONU; M. Hector Silva, maire de San Salvador (El Salvador); Mme Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Directrice exécutive du Centre des Nations Unies pour les établissements humains (Habitat); et Mme Frannie Leautier, Directrice de la Division de l'infrastructure (Banque mondiale). M. Sarbuland Khan, Directeur de la Division de l'appui au Conseil économique et social et de la coordination. Les membres des missions permanentes, les fonctionnaires du Secrétariat, les représentants des organisations non gouvernementales et les médias sont invités.

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Le Comité pour l'exercice des droits inaliénables du peuple palestinien tiendra sa 253e séance le mardi 10 octobre 2000 à 15 heures dans la salle du Conseil économique et social. Le Comité examinera, entre autres, le projet de résolution intitulé "Bethléem 2000" et son projet de rapport annuel à l'Assemblée générale.

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CONSEIL ÉCONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL

Des consultations officieuses (officieuses) sous la conduite de M. Grant Robertson (Nouvelle-Zélande) sur le point 8 (Restructuration et revitalisation de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans les domaines économique et social) auront lieu le mardi 10 octobre 2000 à 15 heures dans la salle de conférence 9 et, si nécessaire, le mercredi 11 octobre à 10 heures dans la salle de conférence D.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda items 92 (d) and (e) and 96)* on Monday, 9 October 2000, at 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)* on Monday, 9 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (j) (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures), organized by the delegation of Germany, on Monday, 9 October 2000, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (f) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction), organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway, on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Panel discussion

The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Briefings

The briefing of the World Bank on its latest policy research report entitled "Engendering Development : Through Gender Equality in Rights, Resources, and Voice" will take place on Monday, 9 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Informal meeting of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention

The informal meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention have been invited to attend.

APERÇU DES SÉANCES

Jeudi 5 octobre 2000

CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

4204e séance (reprise)

La situation au Moyen-Orient, y compris la question palestinienne

Lettre datée du 2 octobre 2000, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Représentant permanent de l'Iraq auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies (S/2000/928)

Lettre datée du 2 octobre 2000, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Représentant permanent de la Malaisie auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies (S/2000/929)

Lettres identiques datées du 2 octobre 2000, adressées au Secrétaire général et au Président du Conseil de sécurité par l'Observateur permanent de la Palestine auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies (S/2000/930)

Lettre datée du 2 octobre 2000, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Représentant permanent de l'Afrique du Sud auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies (S/2000/934)

Lettre datée du 2 octobre 2000, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Représentant permanent de la Malaisie auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies (S/2000/935)

À la reprise de la séance, le Président, agissant avec l'assentiment du Conseil, invite sur leur demande les représentants de Malte et de l'Espagne à participer au débat sans droit de vote, conformément aux dispositions pertinentes de la Charte et à l'article 37 du règlement intérieur provisoire du Conseil.

En réponse à la demande contenue dans une lettre datée du 5 octobre 2000 émanant du Représentant permanent du Togo auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, le Président adresse une invitation en vertu de l'article 39 du règlement intérieur provisoire à l'Observateur permanent de l'Organisation de l'unité africaine auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, Son Excellence M. Amadou Kebe.

Le Conseil entend des déclarations des représentants de la Jamahiriya arabe libyenne, du Soudan, de l'Indonésie, de l'Oman et des Émirats arabes unis.

Conformément à la décision prise antérieurement, le Conseil entend la déclaration en vertu de l'article 39 du règlement intérieur provisoire de Son Excellence M. Lamani.

Le Conseil entend des déclarations des représentants du Japon, du Maroc, du Liban, du Népal et du Viet Nam.

Conformément à la décision prise antérieurement, le Conseil entend la déclaration en vertu de l'article 39 du règlement intérieur de Son Excellence M. Kebe.

Le Conseil entend des déclarations des représentants de l'Espagne et de Malte.

Le représentant d'Israël prend de nouveau la parole.

L'Observateur permanent de la Palestine prend de nouveau la parole.

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

Cinquante-cinquième session

Commissions

PREMIÈRE COMMISSION — 6e séance

Débat général

La Commission poursuit le débat général en entendant des déclarations des représentants des pays suivants : Canada, États-Unis (au nom de la Chine, de la Fédération de Russie, de la France et du Royaum-Uni), Guatemala, Venezuela, République tchèque, Croatie, Kenya, Angola et Bulgarie.

COMMISSION DES QUESTIONS POLITIQUES SPÉCIALES ET DE LA DÉCOLONISATION (QUATRIÈME COMMISSION) — 9e séance

Note : L'aperçu de la 9e séance de la Quatrième Commission paraîtra dans le prochain numéro du *Journal* (No 2000/195).

SECOND COMMITTEE 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Israel, Viet Nam, Senegal, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Benin, Botswana, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, India, San Marino, Yemen, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)).

The representative of the International Labour Organisation made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman orally revised the programme of work contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1 as follows: item 97: (Training and research (Report of the United Nations University (A/55/31, Suppl. No. 31)) would be taken up on Tuesday 31 October, in the afternoon.

7th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mauritania, Angola, Algeria, Myanmar, the Sudan, Madagascar, Tunisia, Singapore, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Togo, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Jordan, Bhutan, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and Cameroon.

The Committee concluded its general debate.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, Brazil, Algeria, Belarus, Tunisia, Botswana, Singapore, Ukraine, Peru, India, Ghana, China, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, Costa Rica and Bolivia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

10th meeting

Pattern of conferences [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Brazil and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Monday, 9 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2000

667th (closed) meeting

General discussion on "State violence against children" [5]

Methods of work of the Committee [7]

The Committee considered its methods of work and the recommendations under agenda item 5.

668th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item in closed meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Lao People's Democratic Republic (5 October 2000)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Extension to 30 June 2001 of the time-limit for the deposit of instruments of accession by Governments that are Contracting Parties to the International Coffee Agreement, 1994.

Extension to 30 September 2001 of the time-limit for the deposit of instruments of acceptance by Governments which are applying the Agreement provisionally.

Acceptance: Ireland (4 October 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps and prestige booklets

Today, 6 October 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "World Heritage - Spain". The denominations of the stamps will be 33 cents, 60 cents, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,20, S 4.50/euro 0,33 and S 6.50/euro 0,47.

The new stamps, prestige booklets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today*, 6 October, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2000/74.

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Film screening

Two special screenings of the edited 40-minute version of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict" will take place on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 1 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Secretary-General will attend the 1 p.m. screening, which will be followed by a brief discussion featuring three panellists. Mr. Steve York, producer and writer, and Mr. Peter Ackerman, Series Editor, will introduce the film. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 7 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

1 p.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

Monday, 9 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

10.30 a.m. — closed meeting — Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 9th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ecuador
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Qatar
Mozambique
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Jamaica

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

   (d) Science and technology for development (A/55/96-E/2000/84, A/55/413)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Operational activities for development [96] (A/55/271)

   Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

2. Advancement of women [107] (A/55/3, A/55/38, A/55/271, A/55/293, A/55/308, A/55/322, A/55/385, A/55/399, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/C.3/55/3 and A/C.3/55/4)

3. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108] (A/55/341, A/55/74, A/55/162-S/2000/715 and A/C.3/55/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.7**

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* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158] (A/55/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Results-based budgeting

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 9 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 179
(Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Monday, 9 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 9 October 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee : agenda items 92 (d) and (e) and 96)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (j) (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures), organized by the delegation of Germany, on Monday, 9 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (s) (Illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons), organized by the delegation of South Africa, on Monday, 9 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Briefing

The briefing of the World Bank on its latest policy research report entitled "Engendering Development : Through Gender Equality in Rights, Resources, and Voice" will take place on Monday, 9 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	32nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
4 p.m.-7 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Tuesday, 10 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Tuesday, 10 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, 11 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 82 (Effects of atomic radiation) and other related agenda items are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (Room S-2977, tel.: (212) 963-3051), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

The status of the reform of the international financial architecture will be the subject of a panel of experts and an open discussion, hosted by the Second Committee, in support of the General Assembly deliberations on macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (agenda item 92 (e)), on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will be the moderator. The panellists will be Mr. Rumman Faruqi, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat; Ms. Barbara Samuels II, Project Director of the Council on Foreign Relations' Roundtable on Country Risk in the Post Asia-Crisis Era; Ms. Sylvia Saborío, Co-Chair of Overseas Development Council Task Force on "The Future Role of the IMF in Development"; and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. *in Conference Room 6*. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 253rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Committee, *inter alia*, will consider the draft resolution entitled "Bethlehem 2000" and its draft annual report to the General Assembly.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand), on item 8 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in economic and social fields) will take place on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and, if necessary, on Wednesday, 11 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* in Conference Room 5 on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursday, 12 October, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(draft resolution on INSTRAW)* on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting on the United Nations standardized instrument for reporting military expenditures, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Mr. Nazir Kamal (tel.: (212) 963-6195).

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the First Committee draft decision on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (f) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction), organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway, on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Panel discussion

The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Informal meeting of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention

The informal meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention have been invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Friday, 6 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, India, the Holy See, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Sri Lanka and Uruguay.

8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Nepal and Kuwait.

SECOND COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Director, Development Policy Analysis Division, DESA, the Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office and the High Level Expert on Financing, UNCTAD made introductory statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Indonesia, Ghana, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Chile, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), New Zealand, Haiti, the United States, China and Egypt.

The representative of the World Bank made a statement.

The Chairman made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 92 (e).

9th meeting

Macroeconomic policy question [92]

(d) Science and technology for development

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and also Norway), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Pakistan, Ghana, the Russian Federation, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), India, Belarus, Ukraine, Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

THIRD COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women.

The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women made introductory statements.

An introductory statement was also made by the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

A statement was made by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women responded to questions raised by the representative of Cuba.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Bangladesh, Japan, Senegal, Cuba, Lebanon, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chile.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that Ms. Sarah Paterson, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, would coordinate the consultations on the traditional Chairperson's draft resolution on "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women".

The Committee was reminded that action would be taken on the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.3/55/L.2 and L.6 on Tuesday, 10 October, at 3 p.m.

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee agreed to regularize its procedures for taking action on draft proposals by assigning part of one day each week (3 p.m. every Thursday) for that purpose.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on A/C.3/55/L.7.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Ecuador, Bhutan, Lithuania, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait, Honduras, Suriname (on behalf of the CARICOM countries), Viet Nam, Nepal, Myanmar and Gabon.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 11 October, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the proposed programme of work for the week of 9-13 October.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States, China and Bangladesh.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement and replied to questions raised.

The Chairman took note of the comments made by delegations and announced that the Bureau would review the proposed programme of work and that a revised programme of work would be circulated in the afternoon.

12th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kenya, Ecuador, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bhutan, Poland, Lithuania, Uruguay, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Qatar, Chile, Suriname (on behalf of the CARICOM countries), the Republic of Moldova, the Philippines, Nepal, Cuba, and Thailand.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held on Thursday, 12 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Movses Abelian (Armenia).

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee resumed its consideration of the question of the letter from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2).

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Canada and Côte d'Ivoire.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2000

669th meeting

Future meetings [9]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Other matters [10]

The Committee adopted the report (CRC/C/100) on its twenty-fifth session.

The Chairperson then declared the twenty-fifth session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Ratification. Luxembourg (5 October 2000)*

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Ratification: Luxembourg (5 October 2000)*

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Ratification: Luxembourg (5 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: France (5 October 2000)*

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: France (5 October 2000)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession. Trinidad and Tobago (5 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film screening

Two special screenings of the edited 40-minute version of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict" will take place on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 1 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Secretary-General will attend the 1 p.m. screening, which will be followed by a brief discussion featuring three panellists. Mr. Steve York, producer and writer, and Mr. Peter Ackerman, Series Editor, will introduce the film. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Slovakia
H.E. Mr. Peter Tomka

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Belize
H.E. Mr. Stuart Leslie

Western European and other States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Umit Pamir

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Saturday, 7 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4205th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/928)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/929)

Identical letters dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/930)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/934)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/935)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 4204th meeting, the President invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the meeting.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/963, which had been submitted by Bangladesh, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mali, Namibia, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2000/963) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/963) received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (United States of America), and was adopted as resolution 1322 (2000).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 32nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Ukraine
Philippines

Australia
Zambia
Malaysia
Guinea
International Committee of the Red Cross
Burkina Faso

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 10th meeting — Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [82] (A/C.4/55/46, A/C.4/55/L.6; UNSCEAR 2000 Report to the General Assembly (Sources and Effects of Ionizing Radiation (Volumes I and II))

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.-6 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 2

Operational activities for development [96] (A/55/271)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [107] (A/55/3, A/55/38, A/55/271, A/55/293, A/55/308, A/55/322, A/55/385, A/55/399, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/C.3/55/3 and A/C.3/55/4)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108] (A/55/341, A/55/74, A/55/162-S/2000/715 and A/C.3/55/4)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 17th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.7**

2. International drug control [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.2

4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

5. Advancement of women [107] (A/55/3, A/55/38, A/55/271, A/55/293, A/55/308, A/55/322, A/55/385, A/55/399, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/C.3/55/3 and A/C.3/55/4)

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108] (A/55/341, A/55/74, A/55/162-S/2000/715 and A/C.3/55/4)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (b) (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations : Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 4th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158] (A/55/17)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on UNTAET

2. Results-based budgeting

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 253rd meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 10 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 10 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

The status of the reform of the international financial architecture will be the subject of a panel of experts and an open discussion, hosted by the Second Committee, in support of the General Assembly deliberations on macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (agenda item 92 (e)), *today*, 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will be the moderator. The panellists will be Mr. Rumman Faruqi, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat; Ms. Barbara Samuels II, Project Director of the Council on Foreign Relations' Roundtable on Country Risk in the Post Asia-Crisis Era; Ms. Sylvia Saborío, Co-Chair of Overseas Development Council Task Force on "The Future Role of the IMF in Development"; and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" *today*, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand), on item 8 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in economic and social fields) will take place *today*, 10 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and, if necessary, on Wednesday, 11 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting on the United Nations standardized instrument for reporting military expenditures, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, *today*, 10 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Mr. Nazir Kamal (tel.: (212) 963-6195).

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the First Committee draft decision on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 10 October 2000, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (g) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction), *today*, 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Panel discussion

The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" *today*, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Wednesday, 11 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The 12th and 13th meetings of the Second Committee will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2000, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council, to be held on 18 October 2000, will take place under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the JUSCANZ Group on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.55 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be meetings of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Wednesday, 11 October, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B, and on Thursday, 12 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (Second Committee environmental core group members) on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (f) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction), organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway, on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (r) (Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*), organized by the delegation of Malaysia, on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda items 66 (Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States) and 67 (Maintenance of international security), on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, fom 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Informal meeting of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention

The informal meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention have been invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 9 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ecuador, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Qatar, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria and Jamaica.

SECOND COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

(d) Science and technology for development

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

The representative of Bolivia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 92 (d).

Operational activities for development [96]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Deputy-Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, Cyprus and Turkey), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Cuba, Guatemala, Belarus, Mozambique, Japan and Venezuela.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 92 (d) and 92 (e) was Tuesday, 10 October, at 1 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

The representative of Spain, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jamaica, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Colombia, Croatia and Romania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Argentina, the Netherlands, Egypt, the United States, New Zealand, the United Arab Emirates, Fiji, Mexico, China, Sudan, India, San Marino, Afghanistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and El Salvador, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

15th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 107 and 108 and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Brazil, Nepal, Algeria, Viet Nam, Ukraine, Andorra, Morocco, Indonesia, Pakistan and Iraq.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson informed the Committee that on Tuesday afternoon, 10 October, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.7* under item 105 and A/C.3/55/L.10 under item 106, and take action on A/C.3/55/L.2 under item 103 and A/C.3/55/L.6 under item 104.

On Wednesday afternoon, 11 October, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.9 under item 105.

On Thursday afternoon, 12 October, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7* and L.9 under item 105, and A/C.3/55/L.10 under item 106.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report on the work of its thirty-third session.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Russian Federation, Austria, Singapore, Germany, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), India, China, Cuba, Indonesia, Ukraine, Japan and Guatemala.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Yemen (2 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Acceptance: Croatia (6 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film screening

Two special screenings of the edited 40-minute version of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict" will take place *today*, 10 October 2000, at 1 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Secretary-General will attend the 1 p.m. screening, which will be followed by a brief discussion featuring three panellists. Mr. Steve York, producer and writer, and Mr. Peter Ackerman, Series Editor, will introduce the film. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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World Mental Health Day

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2000, the NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will hold a panel discussion on "Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Work" on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The honorary guest will be Mr. Neal L. Cohen, MD, Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Welcoming remarks will be given by Mr. Gareth Howell, Deputy Director, ILO, and Ms. Nancy Wallace, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Mental Health. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m. — closed meeting — Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Republic of Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Ethiopia
Myanmar
Tunisia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
UNICEF
Syrian Arab Republic
Oman
Gabon
Thailand

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 18th meeting — Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.8 and L.9

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* To be issued.

2. International drug control [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163] (A/55/33)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Results-based budgeting

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council, to be held on 18 October 2000

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 11 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand), on item 8 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in economic and social fields) will take place *today*, 11 October 2000, in Conference Room D, in the morning, following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 11 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 34 (a) and (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core group members on environmental agenda items)

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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There will be a closed meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *today*, 11 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (f) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction), organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway, *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (r) (Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*), organized by the delegation of Malaysia, *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda items 66 (Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States) and 67 (Maintenance of international security), *today*, 11 October 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal meeting of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention

The informal meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention have been invited to attend.

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Announcement

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	33rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2
4 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing

There will be a briefing on the World Energy Assessment Report (Energy and the Challenge of Sustainability) under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 13 October 2000, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Professor Thomas B. Johansson, Director, Energy and Atmosphere Programme, Division for Sustainable Energy and Environment, United Nations Development Programme. There will be a question-and-answer period.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Thursday, 12 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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An Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will meet from 16 to 18 October 2000 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. A panel discussion will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

32nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency the Honourable Roosevelt Douglas, late Prime Minister of Dominica

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Excellency the Honourable Roosevelt Douglas, late Prime Minister of Dominica.

The representative of Dominica made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add 6 and 7) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Chad and Dominica had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

The Assembly also took note that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The General Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.8.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Colombia, Ireland and Singapore were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Since two seats remained to be filled, one from among the African and Asian States and one from among the Western European and other States, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of procedure, to a second round of balloting restricted to the countries that had obtained the largest number of votes in the first round of balloting, namely Mauritius (95) and the Sudan (69) (from among the African and Asian States), Norway (114) and Italy (94) (from among the Western European and other States).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Mauritius	102
Sudan	65
Norway	100
Italy	70

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Mauritius	110
Sudan	58
Norway	110
Italy	62

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Mauritius	113
Sudan	55
Norway	115
Italy	57

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Mauritius and Norway were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The following five States were thus elected members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 2001: Colombia, Ireland, Mauritius, Norway and Singapore.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/55/3/Add.1, which contained a programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the period from 10 October and 30 November. The President also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for items mentioned in document A/INF/55/3/Add.1 were open.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Australia, Zambia, Malaysia and Guinea, as well as by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the representative of Burkina Faso.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 10th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [82]

The Chairman of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statement made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA and EEA country member, Norway) Japan, Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.6).

The representative of Belarus made a statement.

On the proposal of the Acting Chairperson, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Acting Chairperson, to conclude the general debate and take action on the draft resolution at its following meeting.

Organization of work

On the proposal by the Acting Chairperson and based upon the receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, the Committee decided to defer the consideration of agenda item 85 to a later date, and to reschedule the consideration of the item to 6 and 7 November, immediately after the consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). The Committee also agreed to consider agenda item 87 (Questions relating to information) on 13 and 14 November.

The Acting Chairperson drew members' attention to document A/C.4/55/L.5, which contained the revised text of the draft resolution relating to "Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands". The Committee decided to take action on the draft resolution after the conclusion of the consideration of agenda item 82 at the following meeting.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 11th meeting

Operational activities for development [96]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, India, Saint Lucia (on behalf of CARICOM) and the Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 96.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 was Wednesday, 11 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 16th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Oman, Uganda, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Australia, Israel, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Yemen, Venezuela, Cyprus, Tunisia, Lithuania, Angola, Rwanda, Benin, Ghana, Madagascar, Mongolia and Kazakhstan, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The representative of the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

17th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.2

It was recalled that, by its resolution 2000/25, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.2.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/55/167.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

The representative of Spain announced that Algeria, Argentina, Cape Verde, the Czech Republic, Guatemala, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malta, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Congo, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.7**

The representative of Lesotho, on behalf of the African States Group, introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Mali, Guatemala, the Congo, Armenia, Iceland, Turkey, the Dominican Republic, Liberia, Bhutan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guinea, Cameroon, Botswana, Jamaica, Malaysia, Jordan and Qatar.

The representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women made some concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 107 and 108.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that, with regret, it had not been possible for the Committee to hear the introduction, under agenda item 106, of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.10. The draft resolution would therefore be introduced on Wednesday afternoon, 11 October. At that time, the Committee would also hear the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.9, under item 105.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

On Thursday afternoon, 12 October, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7* and L.9 under item 105, and A/C.3/55/L.10 under item 106.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

4th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Kenya, Nigeria, Bahrain, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lithuania, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Australia, Egypt, Belarus and Canada.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law made a concluding statement.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 253rd meeting

Consideration of the draft resolution on Bethlehem 2000

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved the draft resolution entitled "Bethlehem 2000".

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly, contained in document A/AC.183/2000/CRP.2

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cyprus, the Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Senegal.

The Committee adopted a draft statement on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

Other matters

The Chairman made an announcement of the upcoming activities of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Lebanon (5 October 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: New Zealand (9 October 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: New Zealand (9 October 2000)*

Protocol of 1993 extending the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1986. Geneva, 10 March 1993

Ratification: Morocco (2 October 2000)*

International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1986, as amended and extended, 1993. Geneva, 1 July 1986

Ratification: Morocco (2 October 2000)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Bolivia (27 September 2000)*

Accession: Dominican Republic (2 October 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Holy See (10 October 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Holy See (10 October 2000)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Civil Society and the United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The programme will begin at 10 a.m. with a screening of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict". Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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World Mental Health Day

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2000, the NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will hold a panel discussion on "Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Work" on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The honorary guest will be Mr. Neal L. Cohen, MD, Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Welcoming remarks will be given by Mr. Gareth Howell, Deputy Director, ILO, and Ms. Nancy Wallace, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Mental Health. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations documentary

The premiere of the United Nations documentary on small arms "Armed to the Teeth" will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The event is co-sponsored by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/888)

Other matters

3 p.m.	4206th meeting (closed)*	Security Council Chamber

* There will be a closed meeting of the Security Council concerning the situation in East Timor.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	33rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 12th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*

Iceland
Bulgaria
Georgia
Bahrain
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Singapore
Kazakhstan
Saudi Arabia
Madagascar
Cyprus
Armenia
Togo
Ukraine
Republic of Moldova

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Effects of atomic radiation [82] (A/55/46, A/C.4/55/L.6-L.7, UNSCEAR 2000 Report to the General Assembly (Sources and Effects of Ionizing Radiation (Volumes I and II))

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/55/L.5)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 12th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [94] (A/55/218)

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade (A/55/89-E/2000/80, A/55/209)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition (A/55/188)

   (c) Cultural Development (A/55/339)

   (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/55/314)

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II) (A/55/83-E/2000/62 and A/55/121)

   Introduction and general discussion

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 13th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy question [92]

   (e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [94] (A/55/218)

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade (A/55/89-E/2000/80, A/55/209)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition (A/55/188)

   (c) Cultural Development (A/55/339)

   (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/55/314)

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II) (A/55/83-E/2000/62 and A/55/121)

   Continuation of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 20th meeting — Conference Room 4

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 21st meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

*Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7** and L.9***

2. International drug control [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

** Reissued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 6th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163] (A/55/33)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 12 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 12 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Thursday, 12 October 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (d) (Science and Technology for Development))

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 6

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 9

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15 p.m. - 2.15 p.m. closed meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 5

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group, organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a seminar on conflict resolution, organized by the Office of the Coordinator, Panel of Counsel, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), organized by the delegation of Australia, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 69 (The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament), 74 (d) (Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons) and 73 (m) (Reducing nuclear danger), organized by the delegation of India, *today*, 12 October 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 13 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
4 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 11th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and Tunisia, as well as by the representative of UNICEF, and the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Oman, Gabon, Thailand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Argentina.

THIRD COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and Armed Conflict, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the presenters, in which the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Rwanda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Canada, the Sudan, India and Iraq took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan and Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community).

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 110 was Friday, 13 October, at 6 p.m.

19th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.9

The representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Belarus, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, Lesotho, Monaco, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation, introduced the draft resolution, and orally corrected it. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Fiji, Norway, Panama and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

International drug control [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Armenia, Bangladesh, Croatia, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Liberia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo and Uzbekistan, introduced the draft resolution. Botswana, Cameroon, Israel and Malawi joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Philippines, Norway, Malaysia (on behalf of the ASEAN group), Côte d'Ivoire, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Oman, San Marino, Israel, Kuwait and Monaco.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that action would be taken on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7* and L.9*, under item 105 and A/C.3/55/L.10, under item 106, on Thursday, 12 October, in the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations [163]

The Chairman of the Special Committee, Mr. Saeid Mirzaee-Yengejeh (the Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Costa Rica, China, Hungary, Guatemala, the Russian Federation and Egypt.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity; Montreal, 29 January 2000

Signatory: Jordan (11 October 2000)

Signatory: Romania (12 October 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Civil Society and the United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms". The briefing will be held today, 12 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The programme will begin at 10 a.m. with a screening of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Non-violent Conflict". Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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World Mental Health Day

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2000, the NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will hold a panel discussion on "Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Work" today, 12 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. The honorary guest will be Mr. Neal L. Cohen, MD, Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Welcoming remarks will be given by Mr. Gareth Boswell, Deputy Director, ILO, and Ms. Nancy Wallace, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Mental Health. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special events

A special event on "East Timor and the United Nations: One Year After", organized by the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Public Information and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place today, 12 October 2000. From 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., the film "The Diplomat" will be screened in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A panel discussion on "The United Nations and East Timor" will be held from 3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. At 6.30 p.m. the Ole Wiesel Ethics Award will be presented to the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Remarks will be made by the Deputy Secretary-General. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The premiere of the United Nations documentary on small arms "Armed to the Teeth" will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The event is co-sponsored by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Department for Disarmament Affairs will jointly host a discussion on "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action" on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UNIDIR on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The discussants will be Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees; Mr. Martin Griffiths, Director, Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; and Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the discussion. For further information, please call (212) 963-9624.

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To mark one part of the World March of Women 2000 and in commemoration of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, a panel discussion, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 13 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4207th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/888)

Morning* consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Angola (S/2000/977)

Other matters

* To be held following the adjournment of the 4207th meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m. closed meeting Consultation Room

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1441st meeting (closed) Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Uganda
Togo
Sudan
Ghana
Pakistan
Cameroon
Uzbekistan
Eritrea
Israel
Haiti
Morocco
Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	14th meeting*	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 66 to 82.

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

* The meeting will be followed by informal consultations of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 (item 92 (e)).

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973).

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11)).

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163] (A/55/33, A/C.6/55/L.3).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administration of justice at the United Nations.
2. Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 13 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 13 October, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (d) (Science and technology for development))

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on agenda item 112 (Elimination of racism an racial discrimination)

1.15 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 34 (a) and (b)(Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m.-2.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 94 (e) and 95 (a))

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. — 4th meeting — Conference Room 1

Adoption of the agenda, organization of work and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/55/234)

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/55/235)

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/55/236)

10 a.m. — 34th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/366) [7]
2. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/379) [16 (a)]
3. Election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (b)]
4. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424) [17 (b)]
5. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/55/L.3) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 12th meeting on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 10 a.m. and will begin its consideration of agenda item 83 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 83 and other related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed substantive session for 2000 of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations

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Briefings

A briefing on the regional consultations on financing for development will be held by the Executive Secretaries of the five regional commissions (ECE, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA and ESCWA) for the Bureau and all members of the Preparatory Committee of the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, at 2.45 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

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At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4206th (private) meeting

The situation in East Timor

At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"The Security Council met in private at its 4206th meeting, held on 12 October 2000, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in East Timor", for the purpose of a briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1319 (2000).

"The President extended an invitation in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Dr. Alwi Shihab, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

"The members of the Council and His Excellency Dr. Alwi Shihab had a frank and constructive discussion. They recalled the letter of the Security Council President to the Secretary-General of 8 September 2000, which set out their agreement to dispatch a mission to Indonesia and East Timor. They welcomed the invitation from the Government of Indonesia to a mission to Indonesia in the week of 13 November 2000, following the mission's visit to East Timor."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

33rd plenary meeting

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Andorra, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Italy, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Uganda and the United States of America were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

Since two seats from among the Asian States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of procedure, to a second round of balloting restricted to the countries that had obtained the largest number of votes in the first round of balloting, namely Nepal (104), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (103), the United Arab Emirates (95) and the Philippines (89).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Nepal	109
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	99
United Arab Emirates	67
Philippines	58

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The representative of the Philippines made a statement.

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Nepal	136
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	129
United Arab Emirates	61

On the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Nepal were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

The following eighteen States were thus elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Andorra, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Uganda and the United States of America.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 12th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Iceland, Bulgaria, Georgia, Bahrain, The former Yugoslav Republi of Macedonia, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, Madagascar, Cyprus, Armenia, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 11th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [82]

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of Indonesia, India, Egypt, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Pakistan.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman and at the request of delegations concerned, to defer consideration of the draft resolution on the item to a later meeting.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Island and the United States Virgin Island (A/C.4/55/L.5)

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Statements in explanation of their position on the adoption of the decolonization and other related agenda items were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Qatar, the Republic of Korea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the Chairman.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 16 October 2000, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 83 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 12th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade

(b) Integration of the economies in transition

(c) Cultural Development

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II)

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director for Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (Habitat), as well as by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

General debate

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement), Norway, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Croatia, Uruguay, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)) and Poland.

Organization of work

At the request of the Group of 77, the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 92 (d) (Science and technology for development) was postponed to Monday, 16 October, at 6 p.m.

The Chairman orally revised the programme of work of the Committee contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1 as follows: (a) Item 100 (Globalization and interdependence) would be taken up on Tuesday, 24 October, in the morning and in the afternoon; (b) Item 99 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) would be taken up on Wednesday, 25 October, in the morning and in the afternoon.

13th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as of Mexico.

The representative of Mexico made an introductory statement.

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The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea, Venezuela, Mali, Nepal, Romania, China, Tunisia and Costa Rica.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the meetings scheduled to be held on Friday, 13 October, were cancelled.

The Chairman orally revised the programme of work of the Committee contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1 as follows: Consideration of item 101 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) was rescheduled to take place on 20 and 21 November. The deadline for submission of draft resolutions under the item

THIRD COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representative of Mongolia, Ukraine, Belarus, China, the Sudan, Cyprus, Croatia, Iraq, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Uganda, India and Rwanda.

The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organisation.

21st meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/55/L.3

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/55/L.4

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/55/L.5

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

*A/C.3/55/L.7**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/55/L.9

The Committee was informed that document A/C.3/55/L.9 was reissued in English only for technical reasons, and that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Australia, Croatia, Ecuador, Madagascar, Malawi and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

International drug control [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bulgaria, the Congo, Eritrea, Kenya, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, Sri Lanka, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee then concluded its consideration of agenda item 106.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Morocco, Iceland, Ethiopia, Viet Nam, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Liberia and Fiji.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations (A/C.6/55/1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, India, the Republic of Korea, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ghana, Brazil, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bulgaria, Turkey and Belarus.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: San Marino (10 October 2000)•

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: San Marino (10 October 2000)•

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Accession: San Marino (10 October 2000)•

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York

Accession: San Marino (10 October 2000)•

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Accession: San Marino (10 October 2000)•

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation in the Convention by virtue of accession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 and to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol: San Marino (10 October 2000)

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Antigua and Barbuda (10 October 2000)•

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The premiere of the United Nations documentary on small arms "Armed to the Teeth" will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The event is co-sponsored by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensuke Hagen. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Department for Disarmament Affairs will jointly host a discussion on "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action" on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UNIDIR on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The discussants will be Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees; Mr. Martin Griffiths, Director, Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; and Mr. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the discussion. For further information, please call (212) 963-9624.

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To mark one part of the World March of Women 2000 and in commemoration of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, a panel discussion, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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